

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner for consideration given to the present application. Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-15 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-9 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. No new claims have been added.

Applicants thank Examiner for allowing the subject matter of Claims 2-9, 14, and 15.

Objections

Applicants' amendment to Claim 1 obviates the Action's claim objection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Action rejected Claims 1, and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants' amendment to Claim 1 obviates said rejection.

CONCLUSION

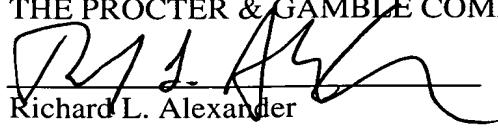
In light of the above remarks, it is requested that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the claim objection and 103(a) rejection. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1-15 is respectfully requested.

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